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FOLLOWING REPEAT BRIDGETOWN 1197 ACTION STATE APR 28.

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L BRIDGETOWN 1197

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, BB, US
SUBJ: BARBADOS: NEGOTIATIONS FOR EXTENSION OF THE NAVAL
FACILITY (NAVFAC) AGREEMENT

REF: A) STATE 085967 B) BRIDGETOWN 0984

1. I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO HAVE AN UNHURRIED CONVERSATION WITH
FONMIN FORDE WHO ONLY RECENTLY RETURNED FROM BELIZE IN HIS OWN
VERSION OF SHUTTLECOCK DIPLOMACY. AS REGARDS NEGOTIATIONS ON
THE NAVFAC FORDE SAYS BARBADOS EXPECTS TO BE READY TO RESUME
NEGOTIATION SOMETIME IN JUNE. HE SAID THE SOLICITOR GENERAL
WILL NOT BE BACK FROM THE LAW OF THE SEA CONF IN GENEVA UNTIL
SOME TIME IN MAY AND THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT OUTSTANDING LEGAL
QUESTIONS TO BE RESOLVED. FORDE AGREED IT IS UNDESIRABLE TO
LEAVE NEGOTS FOR THE LAST MINUTE. HE SAID, "WE WOULD LIKE TO
HAVE IT WRAPPED UP BY SEPT."

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WM I SHALL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR NEGOTS AT APPROPRIATE INTERVALS.
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